GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1555
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2007
KILLING OF PERSONS BY BLUE LINE BUSES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of men and women including children killed/injured by the blue line buses in the NCT of Delhi during each of the last three years, till date, separately;

(b) the action taken against the accused persons;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding taking of bribes by Delhi Police personnel from the Blue Line Bus operators;

(d) if so, the details of such complaints and the total number of such officials arrested during the above period;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check such practices;

(f) whether the Union Government/High Court of Delhi has issued any directions/guidelines to the Government of NCT of Delhi for running the blue line buses under the kilometre scheme and bring down the increasing number of accidents in NCT of Delhi; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government of NCT of Delhi in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a): The details of total number of men and women including children killed/injured by the blue line buses during 2005, 2006 and 2007 (upto 15th November) are given in Annexure I.

(b): During 2005, 2006 and upto 15th November, 2007, 641, 555 and 546 persons were arrested respectively. Moreover, action taken in case of such accidents includes prosecution of persons /drivers responsible for accidents, seizure/cancellation of driving licences of drivers and suspension/cancellation of permits of vehicles involved in accidents.

(c) to (d): The requisite information is given below:

Year	No. of complaints received	No. of complaints substantiated.
2005	31	Nil
2006	30	Nil
2007 (upto 20th November)	46	1

During 2007 (upto 20th November), one complaint was substantiated and based on which two constables have been suspended and Departmental enquiry has been ordered against them. In addition, one traffic Inspector has been issued show cause notice for lack of supervision. Besides, three traffic Police personnel were caught red handed/arrested by Anti Corruption Branch of Government of NCT of Delhi in the year 2005, 2006 and upto 15th November, 2007 one each year while taking bribe from Blue Line Bus Drivers/operators.

(e): The steps taken by Delhi Police to check corrupt practices in Traffic Police are given in Annexure II.

(f) and (g): No Sir. Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in Criminal Writ Petition No. 878 of 2007 in the matter of Court of its own motion is monitoring the menace of blue line buses since July 10, 2007 and has issued several directions to this effect. Even before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, suo-motu, took the cognizance of the menace of blue line buses, the Government of NCT of Delhi has already decided to phase out existing blue line buses in such a manner so as to synchronize with the induction of buses to be operated by the Corporate Entities and also Cooperative Societies of SC/ST. Hon'ble High Court of Delhi is monitoring the phasing out of existing blue line buses in a time bound manner.

Annexure I

Annexure I referred to in reply of the part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1555 for 27.11.2007 regarding Killing of Persons by Blue Line Buses

Year	Killed					Injured				
	Male	Female	Boy	Girl	Total	Male	Female	Boy	Girls	Total
2005	138	14	5	0	157	256	19	5	4	284
2006	97	11	1	0	109	273	38	11	8	330
2007(Up to 15th November)	93	15	9	0	117	250	18	17	1	286

Annexure II

Annexure II referred to in reply of the part (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1555 for 27.11.2007 regarding Killing of Persons by Blue Line Buses

The Delhi Police has taken various steps to check the corrupt practices in Traffic Police, Delhi Police which include:

1. Regular surveillance/watch by Vigilance Branch of Police Headquarters to prevent/detect the corrupt practices by police personnel.

2. Installation of a Help Line No.2337888 at Traffic Control Room for general public to lodge complaint against Traffic Police.

3. Ensuring prompt action against errant Police Officials found guilty.

4. Emphasis on accessibility of senior officers to the members of public.

5. Introduction of facility of P. O. Box No. 171 since July 1999 through which public can send the complaints against corrupt policemen.

6. Giving publicity to the telephone numbers of Senior Officers along with their Fax Numbers. All officers have been directed to maintain a register with a gist of all such message received on the Fax and wherever necessary they must be acted upon immediately.

7. Providing the facility to Public to send their complaints through E-mail against the corrupt Police personnel of Traffic police.

8. Keeping a close watch on the police personnel suspected to be indulging in malpractices and any police personnel found to be involved is transferred to non-sensitive posts and a close watch is kept on the conduct of such persons.

9. Setting up of the Complaints Monitoring and Tracking System (CMTS) comprising of a computerized net work at various locations and monitoring its progress by the senior officers at PHQ.

10. Deployment of Gazetted Officer during night to keep a watch on the illegal/unauthorized checking of vehicles and attend any emergency on roads of Delhi.